

NEARLY BUT NOT QUITE By Dave Hill.

I have hunted in recent years, in vain, for a perfin machine. I have come across many company seal or letterhead embossing machines in antique shops or car boot sales but never a perfin machine.

I thought my luck had changed when I turned up for my weekly duty at our town museum. Someone had brought in a machine about 12" wide and it had pins! It might have been a multi-die machine but it wasn't. The central lever brought down a line of pins in guillotine fashion and it would have been used for raffle tickets and the like.

I illustrate the pattern to show how easy it would be to

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confuse it with some of our straight line design perfins (design 600.01 etc.). The machine was made by the distinctively named Harrild & Sons, London. From an old directory I find they made machinery for printers and this type of machine must have been fairly common.